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Accidents.

Farm accidents don't just happen! They are caused. *Implement Record.*
v. 35, no. 10. October 1938. p. 13, 48. Dangers: (1) Tractors
(2) Trucks (3) Hay presses (4) Pruning.

High cost of carelessness. By J.E. Stanford. *Southern Agriculturist.*
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Agricultural resources of Kansas. Kansas agricultural experiment station
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Factors for profitable farming on limestone hill land of the Eden formation
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Some economic characteristics of owner-operated farms in South Carolina.
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tural experiment station of Clemson agricultural college. Bulletin 316.

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Type-of-farming areas of New Hampshire. By H. C. Grinnell. Durham, N.H.,
1937. 14 p. New Hampshire, agricultural experiment station. Circular 53.

Air Conditioning.

Circulation of air in scale model rooms. By E.C. Lundquist. Heating
Piping and Air Conditioning. v. 10, no. 10. October 1938. p. 681-
685. Purpose of investigation was not only to find out manner in which
air circulated in scale model room for various duct arrangements, but
also to show that air distribution was not substantially altered, for any
particular duct arrangement, by changing scale of model, if dynamic simili-
arity was maintained.

Controls for air conditioning large, medium and small buildings. By S.F.
Nicoll and W.E. Zieber. Refrigerating Engineering. v. 36, no. 1.

Air Conditioning. (Cont'd)

July 1938. p. 27-37. Deals with applications only, and not with design, or method of functioning of individual instruments. Only controls directly concerned with maintaining required air conditions are discussed. No parts of refrigerant or condenser water control are considered except those directly operated by air conditioning control system. Human comfort installations are considered in particular, although principles involved apply also to industrial air conditioning. Although control of heating will necessarily be touched upon, special stress is being placed on cooling. Design of plants and equipment is necessarily inter-related with choice of control systems and will be so discussed. It is not intention of paper to question or justify conditions usually recommended for human comfort but only to discuss means used to obtain them

"Window box" evaporating fan cools air in dry region. Popular Mechanics. v. 70, no. 1. July 1938. p. 17. Can lower indoor temperature as much as twenty to thirty-five degrees. Operates on simple principle of absorption of heat by evaporation of water. Vertical mat made of excelsior or fiber two or three inches thick is placed outside window, and water is allowed to flow downward through mat while fan draws large volume of air through moist mat and into house. Another window properly situated to provide cooling circulation through entire house, is used as outlet. Air delivery of intake fan must provide complete change of air in house every two or three minutes.

Window conditioning. By Earl Aiken. Lumber & Building Material Dealer. v. 7, no. 8. August 1938. p. 4-5.

Alcohol Fuel.

Agrol movement collapses. By E.L. Barringer. National Petroleum News. v. 30, no. 39. September 28, 1938. p. 25-26, 30, 33. Demand in Sioux city now but a shadow of peak sales when agrol plant there was boomed.

Building Construction.

Concrete beams with sheet-steel web plates. By J.T. Thompson, T.F. Hubbard and J.N. Fehrer. Civil Engineering. v. 8, no. 12. December 1938. p. 815-818. Rather radical departure in design of beam reinforcement--substitution of web plates for stirrups--is reported. Tests made thus far indicate that beams with web plates are superior in structural action--and it is shown also that such beams are simpler to construct and offer minor economies in both labor and materials.

Fixed-point theory for continuous beams with elastic supports. By Odd Albert. Civil Engineering. v. 8, no. 12. December 1938. p. 835-838.

Settlement analysis of engineering structures. By A.W. Skempton. Engineering. v. 146, no. 3794. September 30, 1938. p. 403-406.

Building Construction. (Cont'd)

Knowledge of settlements which proposed engineering structure will undergo, both during and after construction, is of importance in design from two main points of view. In first place, owing to differential settlement and resulting secondary stresses, there will be lowering of true factor of safety with time, this being of particular importance in case of modern rigid-frame buildings or arch bridges. Secondly, with such structures as chemical plant or roadway of bridge, it may be desirable to eliminate effects of settlement by making provision so that such movements as occur will do so without causing any harm. In past, foundational design has been considered rather from point of view of safe bearing pressure of soil than from that of settlement of structure, although as some settlement must necessarily occur, correct procedure is obviously to calculate what movements will be and modify design, should they be too great. Settlements can be reasonably estimated by scientific methods developed during last twelve years, largely by Terzaghi and his followers. These replace traditional bearing test, which yields little information on this point, owing to its empirical nature. Great deal of research has still to be carried out, but modern methods of analysis have achieved considerable success and are generally recognized as constituting increasingly important factor in structural design.

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Drama of cement making. Chicago, Portland cement association. 1938. 15 p. Lithographed.

Field for low-heat cement. By H.S. Meissner and W.T. Moran. Engineering News Record. v. 121, no. 19. November 10, 1938. p. 589-593. What has been learned of advantages and limitations of this new product after extensive research and use of 5,000,000 barrels of it in the field.

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Volume changes in natural and artificial building stones. By D.H. Pletts and J.F. Poulton. Blacksburg, Va., 1938. 14 p. Virginia polytechnic institute. Engineering experiment station series. Bulletin no. 34.

Why the home builder should make sure that the right grades of lumber are used. Lumber & Building Material Dealer. v. 7, no. 8. August 1938. p. 12-13.

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Concrete for the Kanawha river project. By J.C. Sprague. Civil Engineering. v. 8, no. 12. December 1938. p. 797-803. Review of design and control procedure employed, with special reference to effect of coarse grinding and tri-calcium content on strength and heat generation.

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Measuring the growth and scale resistance of cast iron. By A.H. Dierker and H.H. Dawson. Columbus, O., 1938. 15 p. Ohio, Engineering experiment station. Bulletin no. 100.

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From gears, grass is spread evenly upon mesh conveyor, which carries it through pre-heating chamber. Here, exhausted drying steam and large additional volume of steam created by evaporation are brought from drying chamber proper to scrub cold grass thoroughly and, by condensing upon it, raise its temperature.

Hot grass and condensate then enter second crusher, where, with gears of same design, it goes through similar process to that experienced on first occasion. Thence it is spread on conveyor and carried through drier proper. Super-heated steam is blown in below this conveyor and passing through grass, agitates and dries it. Particles of crushed grass are blown upwards, while any lumps from crusher pass against rotary tedder, which "teasels" them out and throws them back down the conveyor.

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Blast escapes upwards and carries with it particles of dried and semi-dried grass. But in path of blast a second conveyor is interposed, on underside of which particles of grass are deposited and supported by blast, thus forming an "inverted mattress" in path of super-heated steam.

Mattress is broken up by being blown over end of conveyor into upper chamber, but as blast is of lesser intensity here, upper and lower surfaces of both conveyors are used to move grass towards the exit. Before grass finally falls by gravity into chute, however, it has to pass control area, whose object is to ensure fully dried product.

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Evaluation of several methods of cooling cream. By W.J. Caufield and W.H. Martin. Journal of Dairy Science. v. 21, no. 1. January 1938. p. 13-20. Purpose of investigation was to determine relative merits and also limitations of some of the more commonly used methods of cooling cream including: (1) placing cans of cream in refrigerator, (2) partially submerging cans in water; (3) allowing water to flow over outside of the can, (4) using spray, and (5) using evaporation. In addition, effectiveness of evaporation method of cooling sweet and sour cream through wide range of atmospheric temperatures and humidities was determined. Results obtained in this study may be summarized as follows: 1. Rate of cooling during first two hours of trial was fastest by submerged method, followed in order by flooded, refrigerator, spray, and evaporation methods of cooling. 2. Sour cream, irrespective of cooling method, did not cool so rapidly nor to quite so low a temperature as did sweet cream. 3. It required about six hours for either sweet or sour cream to reach lowest attainable temperature under given set of conditions, when cooled by evaporation method. 4. Temperature to which cream may be cooled by evaporation method was definitely limited by temperature and humidity of room. 5. If relative humidity is held rather constant, fluctuations in room temperature tend to be accompanied by corresponding changes in temperature of cream, but with some lag in time when evaporation process is used for cooling. 6. Efficiency of evaporation system of cooling was impaired when relative humidity exceeded 60 percent. 7. Evaporation method retarded rate of

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Wood-burner drives a car 100 miles for half dollar. Popular Mechanics. v. 70, no. 1. July 1938. p. 79. Instead of trunk rack, French minister of agriculture has boiler rack on his wood-burning automobile. Because of high cost of gasoline in Europe, manufacturers are constantly experimenting with other fuels, such as wood, charcoal and coal. This car travels 100 miles on fuel costing fifty cents, and is said to be capable of same speed as gasoline cars.

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Motors for fan drives. By C.C. Hermann. Southern Power Journal. v. 56, no. 12. December 1938. p. 62-63. Reviews briefly proper type of electric motor for each duty of air conditioning apparatus.

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Use the new American pipe standard. By H.H. Morgan and Sabin Crocker. v. 10, no. 10. October 1938. p. 634-642. Brings schedule number system to attention of piping trade in general in such manner as to expedite its universal use. It is hoped that those responsible for ordering pipe will initiate practice of specifying what they want by diameter and schedule number.

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Place of research in agricultural policy. By O.B. Je~~s~~ness. C.S.T.A. Review. no. 14. September 1937. p. 255-263. Place of research worker in scheme of things is to find out what facts are and to make them known for the guidance of planner and public. If he is to serve this function he must keep an open mind and arrive at conclusions through careful, conscientious analysis and study. Then he must remain free to give full expression to his conclusions. Only if those conditions continue will voice of research command respect and attention in future evolution of agricultural policy.

Program of research in land economics. By William Allen. C.S.T.A. Review. no. 14. September 1937. p. 264-275.

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Two ways to make a silo roof. By I.W. Dickerson. Oregon Farmer. v. 61, no. 18. September 1, 1938. p. 460. Gives scale drawings.

Rubber.

Crude rubber industry opens office in Washington. Farm Implement News. v. 59, no. 22. November 3, 1938. p. 33. Crude rubber development bureau is to carry out program in United States similar to that which has been developed by British Rubber Publicity Association during past year in England and Empire countries, in which use of rubber in agriculture is prominently featured. For first year of its operation, in fact, new Bureau aims to concentrate its activities almost exclusively in agricultural field.

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of drawing valid generalizations is further complicated by fact that such terms as "oil resistance," "abrasion resistance," and "heat resistance" are devoid of exact meaning, and, if valid conclusions are to be drawn regarding these or any other physical properties, methods of measuring those properties must be exactly defined. Only way to ascertain whether rubber-like synthetic product will be suitable for specific use is to analyze conditions of service, prepare composition whose properties approach as closely as possible ideal revealed by that analysis, and test that composition under conditions related as closely as possible to those that may be encountered in service. It will probably never be possible to tabulate properties of rubber-like synthetics in so comprehensive manner that engineer will be able to select right product for any particular use by consulting handbook. Any general tables of properties that may be prepared would be so misleading as to do more harm than good. Engineer who would use rubber or rubber-like synthetics wisely accept these facts and work within the limitations imposed by them.

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Silage, silos, and silage crops. By I.J. Smuts. Pretoria, 1938. 36 p. Union of South Africa. Department of agriculture and forestry. Extension series no. 19. Bulletin no. 181.

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Keep that watershed cover. Arizona Producer. v. 17, no. 16. November 1, 1938. p. 8. Any attempt to increase water yield from watersheds such as one above Roosevelt dam, through reducing vegetation, must be regarded as "very dangerous". Even if it should have that result--which is extremely doubtful--there would be other undesirable effects. Nor is there any evidence that stream flow is decreased by controlling surface run-off with check dams, water-spreading dikes, and similar measures which check erosion, promote vegetative growth, and get more water down into the subsoil where it is safe from evaporation.

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Storage of Farm Produce. (Cont'd)

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Storing Irish potatoes for fall planting. By R.R. Reppert. College Station, Tex., 1932. 1 p. Mimeographed. Texas agricultural and mechanical college. Cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics. Farm and home hints. no. 179.

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Productivity and employment in selected industries: Beet sugar. By R.K. Adamson and M.E. West. Philadelphia, Penn., 1938. 190 p. Works progress administration. National research project in cooperation with National bureau of economic research. Report no. N-1. Processed.

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Uses and possibilities of rubber in agriculture. By Alexander Hay. London, 1938. 25 p. Bibliography. British rubber publicity association. Rubber and agriculture series. Bulletin no. 8.

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